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ABSTRACT

Written for parents, this book discusses current practice in preschools, elementary schools, and secondary schools. The first section, entitled "Learning," defines and discusses learning, memory, learning styles, study skills, and homework. The second section, entitled "What Goes on in Schools?," discusses inclusion, cooperative learning, whole-language instruction, middle schools, multidisciplinary study, bilingual programs, educational assessment, and parents' rights. The chapters in the third section, "Family Involvement in Learning," are: (1) "Preparing Children for School," which discusses language, motor, and social development; (2) "Learning Wherever You Are," which discusses everyday learning opportunities; (3) "Learning Whenever You Can," which discusses learning during the spring and summer, and suggestions for studying space exploration; (4) "Holiday Preparation," which discusses presents, commercials, stress and depression, and Halloween; and (5) "Challenges of Parenting," which discusses a number of different topics, including bullying, sibling rivalry, health and safety, self-esteem, and discipline. The chapters in the fourth section, "Family Links with School," are: (1) "Funding Schools"; (2) "School Selection"; (3) "Parent Involvement in Schools"; (4) "Academic Fairs and Parent Involvement"; (5) "Parent-Teacher Conferences"; (6) "Going to School," which includes discussions of starting school, school readiness, and school supplies; and (7) "Families and Academic Subjects." The book concludes with suggestions for parents for keeping up with a child's current school experiences. (LPP)

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